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Applicant : Jae S. Lim
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Title : ENCODING, DECODING AND COMPRESSION OF AUDIO-TYPE DATA
USING REFERENCE COEFFICIENTS LOCATED WITHIN A BAND OF
COEFFICIENTS

Art Unit: 2786
Examiner:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel the following claims without prejudice:

10, 17, 22, 24-27, 36, 51-53, 56, 65, 73, 78, 82-84,
89-95, 98, 103-105, 110-115, 121, 127, 132, and 138.

50. (Once Amended) A method of encoding a signal defined by transform coefficients [signal elements] that are discrete in at least one dimension, the method comprising: determining a division of at least some of the transform coefficients [signal elements] into a plurality of bands, at least one of the bands having a plurality of adjacent transform coefficients [signal elements]; and

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